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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Product Configuration

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page ~~8~~, line 32, after "selects" delete [an] and replace with --a--.

On page ~~9~~, line 22, after "current" and before "product" insert --base--.

On page ~~9~~, line 26, please delete [associated with a given user of system 20].

On page ~~13~~, line 14, please delete [Importantly] and insert the phrase --Returning to  
FIG. 2--.

On page ~~13~~, line 23, please delete [Returning to FIG. 2, user] and insert the phrase --  
User--.

On page ~~13~~, line 29 please delete [styles] and replace with --style--.